

St Edward's and St Nicholas'

In the Benefice of Castle Donington with Lockington cum Hemington



23rd August 2026



Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Romans 12: 1-8; Matthew 16: 13-20

Today's Collect

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A very warm welcome to our worship today, whether you live in Hemington, Lockington or Castle Donington, or are visiting.

9.00am	Morning Worship	St Nicolas' Church
10.30am	Holy Communion	St Edward's Church

If you would like someone to pray with you after the service, please do not hesitate to talk to one of the clergy. They would be delighted to pray quietly with you.

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Come. See. God is doing something new!



Breakfast Church – we need your help!

We are looking for helpers for our next Breakfast Church on 6th September. This time it will be a continental breakfast, but we still need some help with the washing up, taking orders for and serving hot drinks, and clearing tables after breakfast (training will be given!) Please have a chat with Catherine if you can help (catherine.stray@cdlh-churches.org).

Breedon Wakes Festival

On Saturday 5th September Breedon village are holding a Wakes Festival from 10am to 4pm. A chance to experience living history with the Ferrer's Household 15th Century Medieval Encampment including displays, demonstrations and hands-on activities for all the family. Breedon Priory Church will be open for refreshments and their programme for the day includes a History Tour of the Church, Bellringing demonstration and visit to the Bell Tower, a History Walk of the Churchyard, and Organ Recital (see attached flyer for details and full programme of the day!)



Sunday Soirée at St Helen's Church

St Helen's Church in Ashby-de-la-Zouch invite you to an evening of worship and music on Sunday 6th September. From 6pm to 8pm there will be a service of Choral Evensong sung by St Helen's Choir, followed by refreshments and a recital with music for two pianos. Admission free, retiring collection.

Foodbank

Thank you so much for your donations to Foodbank – they make a huge difference. Our local branch have now set up Amazon Wish Lists as a way people can buy things to donate to the foodbank. There are three wishlists: [urgently needed items](#), [food and drink](#), and [personal care and household items](#)



The Foodbank is open Thursday mornings between 10.30am and 12.30pm. If you are hungry, or know someone who is, **a foodbank voucher can be requested via The Hub**, or please speak to Revd Sue. This is completely confidential. Keep up with the latest news from the Foodbank on their Facebook page [here](#) and new Instagram page [here](#) – do follow them!

St Nicholas' Church dates for the diary:



Sunday 23 rd August	9am	Morning Worship
Sunday 27 th September	9am	Morning Worship
Sunday 4th October	6pm	Harvest Festival 🍎 🍷 🍂
Sunday 25 th October	9am	Holy Communion



Book & Jumble Sale!

The next Book & Jumble Sale will be at 9.30am on Tuesday 25th August. Please bring your **quality** Jumble to the Church Hall on Monday 24th at 2.00pm. Thank you.

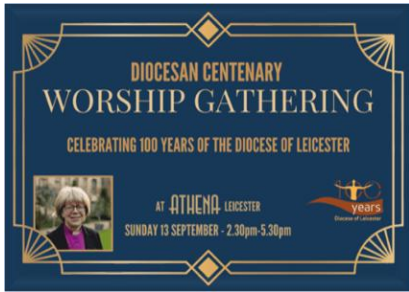
Alpha – Curious about faith?

This Autumn we will be running another Alpha course! Join a series of group conversations that freely explore the Christian faith in an open, friendly environment. If you have already been on Alpha, perhaps you can pray and think about who you could invite – you could even come along with them! The first session will be on **Wednesday 9th September from 7.30 to 9.00pm**.



As we prepare for the start of this Alpha course, we ask that you pray for all those who may come, bringing their curiosity. If you would like to know more, please have a chat with Maria or Richard or drop us an email at pccsecretary@cdlh-churches.org

Diocesan Centenary Worship Gathering



The Diocese of Leicester invites you to its Diocesan Centenary Celebration Worship Gathering with special guest, the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Taking place on Sunday 13th September at the Athena in Leicester, the event will celebrate 100 years of the diocese and bring together parishes, church schools, the cathedral, chaplaincies and wider communities in worship and thanksgiving.

We hope many of you will join us for an afternoon of worship, prayer, music, liturgy, food and drink, presentations, and more. Tickets can be booked [through Eventbrite](#). FAQs on the booking page include parking and group booking information. For further questions, please contact bishops.office@leicestercofe.org

Please pray for:

- the family and friends of Alf Laing, whose funeral will be at 10.30am on Thursday 27th August at Trent Valley Crematorium. Please speak to Revd Sue if you would like a lift;
- the family and friends of Dr David Horton, whose funeral will be at 12.30pm on Wednesday 2nd September at St Edward's Church;
- those living with ongoing illness or health issues, and those who care for them;
- those curious about faith and who may be considering coming to Alpha in September;
- those starting in a new school or returning to school in a new class this week;
- other churches and parishes near to us and their upcoming events;
- peacemakers and aid workers striving to bring relief and hope to our troubled world.

Diary for Monday 24th to Sunday 30th August 2026

The Church Office will be open from **10.00am to 3.00pm** on Tuesday and Friday.

Tuesday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Book & Jumble Sale	9.30am	St Edward's Hall

Wednesday

Morning Worship	10.00am	St Edward's Church
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Thursday

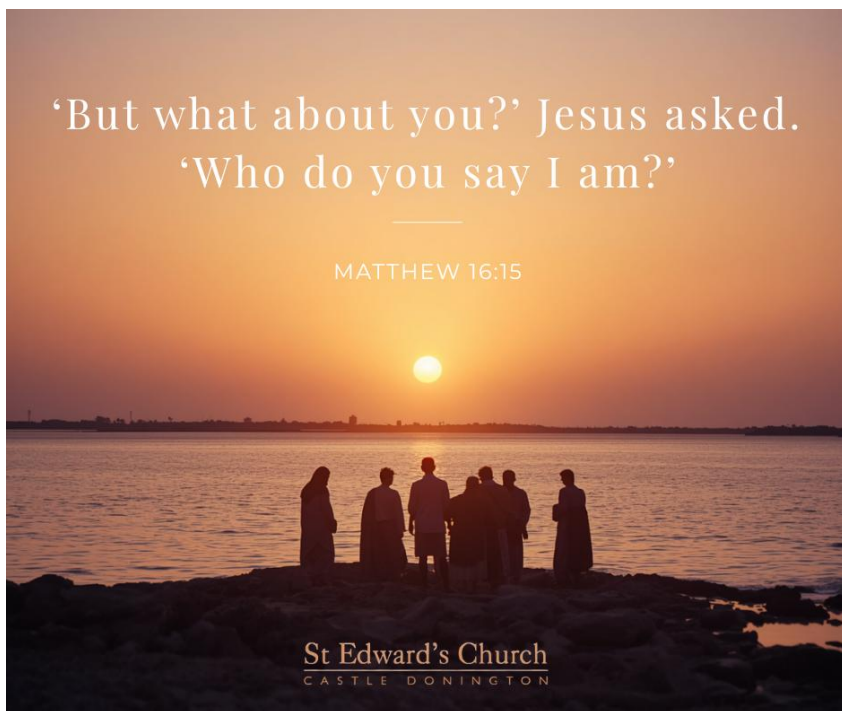
Church cleaning	9.30am – 11.00am	St Edward's Church
Foodbank	10.30am – 12.30pm	St Anne's Room

Friday

Morning Prayer	9.00am	St Edward's Church
Warm Welcome Space	10.00am – 2.00pm	St Edward's Hall

Sunday

Benefice Holy Communion	10.30am	St Edward's Church
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*The next News Sheet will be published for Sunday 30th August.
Please do send in your items to the Parish email address above. Thank you.*